

the common thread among its members is the respect they share for Dr. Wolf. Bringing together people with diverse perspectives hasn't always been without strife. Different disciplines bring divergent views and interests to the table, particularly with respect to personal freedom, family responsibility, society's obligation to protect vulnerable members, and holding perpetrators accountable. Dr. Wolf thrived on creative exchange and believed that when committed, thinking people come together with a common purpose, their differences strengthen and enrich the field.

Her broad focus was also reflected in her work worldwide. She collaborated with scholars, teachers, and practitioners in Finland, Japan, India, Argentina, and the UK. She was a founding member and chair of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, a member of the World Health Organization Consulting Group for the World Report on Violence, and a member of the Steering Committee of the United Nations International Working group on Trauma.

Dr. Wolf answered calls to the National Committee herself. Whether it was a senator calling for background on a proposed bill or a high school student writing a paper on abuse, she was equally receptive, equally gratified by their interest, and equally willing to drop what she was doing to be of help. She was a valued source of information and assistance for the Justice Department, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Institute on Aging. She served on government task forces and focus groups, and testified before Congressional committees on numerous occasions.

Dr. Wolf was Director of the institute on Aging at UMass Memorial Health Care in Worcester, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine and Family Practice Studies at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She was a member of the management team of the National Center on Elder Abuse and was active in the American Society on Aging and the Gerontological Society of America, which awarded her its Donald P. Kent award in 1998.

In the last year of her life, as her health declined, colleagues begged her to slow down—if not to pass the torch, then at least to let others help clear her path. But there was always one more conference, one more article, or one more new project to plan. It was her colleagues who ended up being swayed during these exchanges; they emerged with renewed energy and commitment. Her passion was contagious.

She brought people together, mentored, guided, encouraged, and motivated. She led with grace, dignity, wisdom, humility, and boundless energy. Even in death, she will continue to lead through the contributions she has left behind, the relationships she has forged, and the example she has set.

CONGRATULATING EL SEGUNDO POLICE CHIEF TIM GRIMMOND ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tim Grimmond, who will be retiring at the end of this month as chief of the El Segundo Police Department.

For those of us who have been privileged to call him a friend, Tim's retirement is bitter-sweet. It's well-deserved, for sure, but for

those of us left to fight another day, Tim's departure from the ranks means that we will no longer have the benefit of his perseverance, his insight and expertise, and his leadership in the war against crime.

Tim dedicated his life and immense talents to the South Bay. His law enforcement career began at an early age, when he became a cadet in the Hermosa Beach Police Department in 1964. Transferring to the El Segundo Department in 1967, Tim advanced through the ranks, ultimately becoming Chief of Police in 1992—just as I was elected to Congress. How quickly time goes by.

In my view, what truly made Tim's tenure as chief unique was his vision in seeing how technology could be used to combat crime—how could be used to give law enforcement and citizens the upper hand in protecting lives, property, the peace and our values. To achieve this goal, Tim understood the importance of developing partnerships between local, state and federal governments. In fact, a success that he and I are particularly proud of is the siting in El Segundo of the Department of Justice's Western Regional Law Enforcement and Technology Center.

One of five federal centers nationwide, the Law and Tech Center's role is to research, review, develop, and implement innovative technologies for both regional and national law enforcement and corrections services. With an

More recently, I worked with Tim on the issue of radio interoperability. Given the multiplicity of broadcast frequencies and varying radio equipment, it's sometimes seems easier for one police agency to yell out the window to another than to find a common broadcast frequency or compatible equipment. In a region the size and population of Los Angeles County, and with our history of natural disasters, this shouldn't be the case and, under Tim's leadership, we are beginning the process of solving this communications problem.

Knowing him as we do, it's easy to believe that Tim is a mentor to many. He is generous in the amount of time and energy he devotes to his profession, to his fellow officers, to civic groups, and to young people. I am honored that he devoted time to me—inviting me to join him and the other South Bay chiefs in learning about the challenges that face law enforcement. Armed with the guidance and advice that Tim and others have given, I am proud to have translated their needs into federal policies supportive of their hard work.

Of course, any list of accomplishments doesn't begin to summarize one's life—particularly one as active as Tim's. Indeed, I was surprised recently to learn that Tim is a talented artist. He enjoys the arts of wood-working and painting and one of his water-colors hangs in my Redondo Beach district office. What other hidden talents does he have besides frequenting "Blackie's House of Beef" when he's in Washington, DC?

I will miss having Tim as one of the police chiefs in the 36th district, but he will forever remain a friend and an inspiration on the true meaning of public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRIAN COSS HEROISM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Coss of Nokomis, Illinois, for his recent show of courage at the Nokomis Park Pool.

Brian Coss has worked as a lifeguard at the pool for the past four years. Recently, when a woman became disoriented and ended up face-down in the water, Brian quickly responded by diving in and rescuing her. If he had not spotted the woman, she would have drowned.

Brian Coss is a diligent, 18 year-old high school student who is spending his summer working two jobs. He is also an Eagle Scout and junior assistant scoutmaster for a local scout troop. Brian Coss certainly deserves our recognition for his hard work and bravery.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 258 on July 23, 2001 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO RANGER ROBERT GEER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RANGER HALL OF FAME

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly great American. An American war hero who will soon be inducted into the United States Army Ranger Hall of Fame. Mind you, being a Ranger to begin with is an honor in itself, but being inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame is an honor of unbelievable proportions. On Wednesday, July 25, 2001, Robert Geer of Norwalk, Ohio will join the ranks of the elite as an inductee in to the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame in Fort Benning, GA.

Soon after the conclusion of World War II, Robert Geer joined the US Army in 1948. His Army career only lasted 4 years, but they were extraordinary years. In 1950, he volunteered for the prestigious Rangers and was assigned to 1st Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne).

As the Korean War escalated he was sent into action on the Asian continent. One particular battle in February of 1951, the Battle of Chipyong-Ni, ended his Army career. On February 3, the 23rd Regimental Combat Team (RCT), under the command of Colonel Paul Freeman, was ordered to hold a crossroad and protect the vital communications hub at Chipyong-Ni. During the next several days,

patrols reported extensive Chinese movement. In fact, 18,000 troops were encircling the 23rd Regimental Combat Team's position. On February 13, the Chinese attacked the position. The 23rd Regimental Combat Team was overrun. Splintered and wounded, the Rangers and a piecemeal platoon of survivors from the overrun companies were ordered to retake the lost position.

Soon the platoon leaders and officers were killed. The chaos that ensued prevented the make-up platoon mounting coordinated attack. The Ranger platoon pressed forward under heavy fire. Ranger Geer assumed command and continued to attack with the few remaining Rangers. As they were securing the position, a grenade was thrown in his direction. Unable to see the grenade in the deep snow, Ranger Geer thrust his weapon between himself and where he assumed the grenade to be. When the grenade exploded, shrapnel tore out his left eye and destroyed his weapon. Bleeding, blind in one eye, unarmed, grossly outnumbered and out of ammunition Ranger Geer ordered a withdrawal. He continued to fire, covering the withdrawal of his troops until his ammunition was expended. Armed only with a knife, he discovered his brother, Richard, who was wounded twice in the fight. Ranger Geer carried his brother's wounded body off the hill on that cold February day. Sadly, Richard paid the ultimate price and was killed in action.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly men like Ranger Robert Geer that make this great country what it is today. He has set an example for all Americans and especially his grandson. T.J. Root, who currently attends the United States Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring him and thanking him for his service to the country.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF BATAVIA AS NEW YORK STATE'S "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform this body that on Wednesday, July 25, 2001, the Capital of New York state is moving to the city of Batavia, in picturesque Genesee County. While the move may not be permanent, it is significant, and will provide residents of Batavia and Genesee County an opportunity see, first hand, all their state government has to offer.

Commissioners and Executive Directors of 18 State Agencies—along with New York State Governor George Pataki—will be at Genesee County Community College for "Agencies at Your Service," providing information on a wide variety of programs and services, as well as allowing local residents to sign up for such programs as Child Health Plus.

Governor Pataki will end the day with a Town Hall meeting at the Genesee Center for the Arts. Capital for a Day is a tremendous outreach initiative, and the governor should be commended for his unique and visionary effort to bring state government directly to the people of New York state.

Further, Capital for a Day will provide our community an opportunity to showcase Bata-

via and Western New York to all of the Empire State.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in recognizing the city of Batavia as New York state's Capital City for Wednesday, July 25, 2001.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on July 23, 2001 to cast recorded votes for Rollcall No. 257, 258 and 259. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on No. 257, 258 and 259.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 236. On Approving the Journal, had I been present I would have voted Yea;

Roll Call No. 237, H.R. 1, No Child Left Behind, disagreeing to Senate amendment and agreeing to a conference. Had I been present I would have voted Yea;

I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 238, H.R. 1, motion to instruct conferees. Had I been present I would have voted Yea;

I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 239, the Maloney Amendment, increasing funding for the Census Bureau by \$2 million in order to facilitate more accurate counting of Hispanic subgroups. Had I been present I would have voted Nay;

I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 240, the Maloney Amendment. Had I been present I would have voted Nay;

I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 241, the Delay Amendment. Had I been present I would have voted Yea; and

I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 242, the Jackson-Lee Amendment. Had I been present I would have voted Nay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 259 on July 23, 2001, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW ALEXANDER ENGEL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New

York's outstanding young students, Matthew Alexander Engel. The Boy Scouts of his troop will honor him as they recognize his achievements by giving him the Eagle Scout honor on this coming Thursday, July 26th.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

This award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Mr. Engel, and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition. Congratulations to Matthew and his family.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT LESLIE GRAINGER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert "Bob" Leslie Grainger, who recently passed away. Mr. Grainger was a dedicated community member for many years, and was heavily involved in the California Rodeo in Salinas, California.

Mr. Grainger was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and lived in Salinas for 67 years. He attended Stanford University, was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and became a farmer and produce grower. During his military service in World War II, Mr. Grainger held the rank of First Lieutenant, and he received the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Mr. Grainger served as the California Rodeo Salinas President in 1977 and was heavily involved in announcing at the annual event. Furthermore, Mr. Grainger involved himself in many community activities, such as the Boy Scouts and Eagle Board of Review and the First Presbyterian Church. In his free time, he was an avid fisherman, hunter, and golfer. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Grainger established himself as a successful agricultural businessman and dedicated community member.

Mr. Grainger's contributions and loyalty to the Salinas Valley were hallmarks of his long years of community service. Therefore, I honor the life and contributions of Mr. Grainger with